

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

INFORMATION REPORT

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- 1. At the beginning of 1951 the Commercial Center of the Electrotechnical Industry was transferred from the Ministry of Heavy Industry to the newly established Ministry of Electric Power. The head office of the Center is in Warsaw, and its branches are located at Cracow, Lodz, Poznan, Szczecin (Stettin), Katowice, and Wroclaw (Breslau). Each branch has agencies in the smaller towns.
- 2. The Center is responsible for coordinating and marketing electrotechnical materials:
 - All electrotechnical materials, both light and heavy, go the the Center for distribution.
 - All organizations and institutions send a list of their requirements to the Center, which then allocates the materials available.
 - c. From 60 to 70 per cent of electrotechnical equipment goes to the army and to the government, with priority to the former.
 - d. Production plans for the coming year are worked out in December by calculating and balancing local and state requirements against production figures of the year ending.
 - It is not known definitely if the Center is responsible for stockpiling; however, from 33 to 40 per cent of electrotechnical equipment is held in permanent reserve.
- Officers of the Center do not serve as consultants to industrial concerns.
- Profit on small items is fixed at 32 to 33 per cent and at 25 to 30 per cent on large items.

25 YEAR RE-REVIEW

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5.	The average monthly turnover at the Wroclaw branch in 1950 was from three hundred million to four hundred million zloty .								
6.	Electrotechnical materials are imported from Czechoslovakia, East Germany, and occasionally the USSR. Elektrim is the export company for goods made in Poland, and Varimex is the import company for goods originating in the Eastern bloc countries.								
7.	A Polish army colonel (name unknown, at Wroclaw to control the allocation of electrotechnical materials to the Polish army and to Soviet units stationed in Poland.								
8.	The following personalities are known:								
	a. Szymon Pinczewski was head of the technical department of the Wroclaw branch up to the end of 1950.								
	b. Stefan Tin is head of the administrative department of the Wroclaw branch.								
	Comment: Elektrim as an organisation for the import of electrotechnical equipment and Varimex as an organization for the import and export of miscellaneous articles from amber and cork to laboratory equipment.	25X1							

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